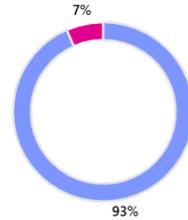
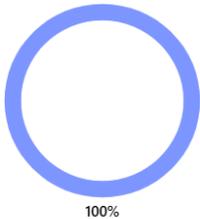


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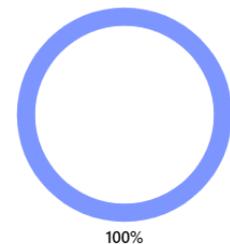
**Do you receive an appropriate level of communication from the college; this may be in the form of email, text, letter etc? Yes**



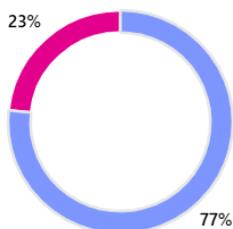
**Does your child feel safe in college?**



**We have an open-door policy at college; have all your questions, queries or communication been answered in a timely and appropriate manner?**



**Do you know and understand what accreditation your child is working towards? e.g., AQA Unit Awards, Entry Level, Functional Skills, Duke of Edinburgh, Essential functional digital skills, Sports Leaders**



**Is there any accreditation that you would like to see your child work towards that is currently not offered?**

Most people answered No or N/A

No I'm very happy at the opportunities given to D.

Not currently.

I'm not sure what is on offer

No everything has been answered

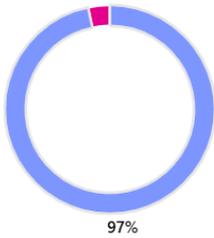
Something related to Science academic skills

Perhaps more vocational or career based qualifications.

I would like to understand these more

Reading skills

**Are you aware of our uniform policy for key stage 4, and dress code for key stage 5, and clear what your child should be wearing for college?**

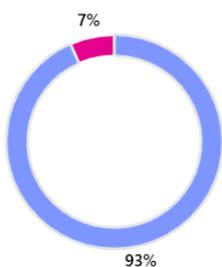


**What do you feel is the value of wearing a college uniform in key stage 4 and suitable clothing in key stage 5?**

Answers include:

- Definitely freedom in clothing brings calm
- Belonging together and no scope for bullying because of clothing
- Practical for some students.
- I think it works very well, especially in Years 12 & 13 as it makes the children fit in with children of the same age that where their own clothes to other colleges and Sixth Forms
- I feel for SEN children , especially with sensory issues, is important to feel comfortable as they can learn better. I agree with uniform but like typical school shoes or tights can be very uncomfortable
- I liked the transition coming from the school & continuing with a uniform. I also feel it's good to have the distinction between Key stage 4 & 5.
- This mirrors main stream education and D likes wearing the same as his brothers in mainstream.
- I think it's fine. If that's the stage that other colleges or schools allow their pupils to change uniform I think it's ok. Should be in line with mainstream provisions to make the pupils feel included in society as much as they can that's reasonable and appropriate
- KS5, We really like it, it makes our daughter feel grown up and helps her understand her choice of clothes for the day
- It's good to have to have some discipline
- Very appropriate
- Doesn't have to worry about what to wear each morning. Looks appropriate for a working environment. Keeps her best clothes for home.

**We offer Next Steps events- showcasing local colleges and external support networks, coffee mornings, emails including links to parental events by charities and other organisations, and we have a strong pastoral team. Do you feel this is enough support for you as a parent?**

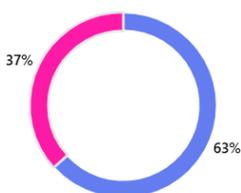


## Is there any further support that college could provide you as a parent?

Answers include:

- Annual reviews are timely and give us confidence that needs are being met in College. However, support with updating the EHCP before major transitions would be helpful as we don't know what behaviours and needs are ongoing at College and need input from teachers regarding this, especially if students are very different at home. The original EHCP was written with input from all sources and observers. It is difficult for parents alone to update or change the EHCP when they are not in college observing their child so input from tutors would be very useful.
- Career pathways near home.
- Links to charities, organisations or banks explaining options as a family on the most appropriate way to arrange bank accounts e.g. how to give independence yet keep support & potentially power of attorney
- I'm not fully aware of next steps however we are only in KS4
- Perhaps have a 121 meeting with child and parents to determine next steps
- Pastoral team are amazing as is Sarah on reception. They always answer any queries very promptly and will check in with E if I have any concerns
- More regular updates on my child's progress would be helpful.
- You have always done everything I have asked for
- A specific meeting/appointment when they are doing their option and when they change so we know exactly what our child is studying. I was not aware if what R was studying this year and how it helps in choosing a outside college course and how it helps towards getting onto a college course.
- Morning before school club maybe
- The college has been very supportive to our family.
- Making those events accessible for working parents (perhaps a weekend)
- More understanding of next steps, concrete support in transitioning to adulthood

## Would you like the option to have an online parents evening appointment?



## If your child is considering leaving at the end of year 11, what are the reasons for this? e.g. a particular college course is appealing to them

- My child is going to Chelmsford College to pursue his dream of becoming a multi-skilled construction worker
- Yes he wants to go in to employment

## We would welcome any other feedback you may have.

I feel Thriftwood College is the best place for my child. The staff go above and beyond and show how much they care about every aspect of the students. The staff are so accommodating. Couldn't wish for a better college for my son.

Wish J could stay there don't have to leave

Thriftwood is an excellent college. In my experience I feel fully supported.

I wish L could stay in Thriftwood college for a bit longer

D is so happy at Thriftwood we only wish you offered adult education!!

I know that you want independence for the children but when it comes to home/college communication I still believe we should be communicated with as you would with the younger years as not all pupils communicate things even if you believe they are capable or not. Especially when it comes to education and their subjects. That should be a college communication first not the child. More communication on when they have made their choices and what those subjects involve. There is not enough communication coming home when they get to year 12 upwards and I don't think the communication should go down if not it should be more as this is a very important time in their lives especially when they are leaving college. I have found knowing what your child is actually learning and what they are doing is always I have to ask questions. Yes you say for the year but a yearly newsletter or leaflet is not enough.

Your school and college is outstanding

We thank you for all the hard work!

Thanks for the support by teachers and staff

We feel supported and Y is enjoying his classes

More information on accreditations

Communications are now via email, yet still request to return to a form. Can this be made easier?

Also the email address in any links is @school, rather than @collage. Can you confirm which we should be using?

We have excellent communication with my son's form tutor. Thank you 🙏

Thankyou for the way you care for G

Our young person really likes going to Thriftwood College and does not want to leave. She has had excellent support from staff at Thriftwood School and College.